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December 8th, 1922.

Mr. E. H. Butler,
"Buffalo Evening News",
Buffalo, N. Y.

Dear Sir:-

When you were in a business meeting on the afternoon of November 29th, I called to see if we could not secure your interest in the visit to Buffalo of Prof. William Hung of Peking University, concerning whom I enclose a circular herewith.

Prof. Hung is one of the ablest and most interesting Chinese in this country and is to take the Department of History in Peking University just as soon as he can get back to China. We are holding him in this country for some addresses before Chambers of Commerce, Rotary Clubs, etc. because of the fine impression that he makes and the good service he does for the Chinese people as a whole in such addresses. He is to speak at the First Presbyterian Church on Sunday, February 4th and we would like very much to have him heard by a few picked men in Buffalo on the following day if this is possible.

Mr. W. A. Rogers and Mr. W. H. Crosby said they would serve on a Committee of three to have a luncheon, possibly at the Saturn Club, Monday noon and I wonder if you would not be willing to serve as the other member of the Committee or even as one of a larger committee.

Our thought was that the number invited should not be more than fifty or sixty and we would hope that twenty-five or thirty of these men would come. Prof. Hung would not ask for any money at all, but later on we would hope that some of these men would be so interested that they might give something along this line toward our needs. We have just heard this morning, for instance, that the China Medical Board will give us a Science Hall costing \$75,000 provided some individual or group will duplicate it, and the wider publicity that is given to our plans, the more likely we are to have persons give to this plan. The luncheon on Monday would not be a financial affair at all.

We covet for the University your heartiest interest, because of your very influential position personally and as the owner of a paper with such a large constituency. Several New York newspaper men have been in China recently and have seen the opportunity given to us, and are greatly interested in America's opportunity for training leaders at China's capital city.

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Mr. E. H. Butler - 2

It was rather an interesting coincidence that as I left Buffalo I was reading Chauncey Depew's Autobiography and noted his reference to his friendship for and appreciation of your father and his influence through the paper.

Mr. Rogers said it would be fine if you could join him on the committee when I told him I had been to see you but that you had been engaged. We would greatly appreciate it if you can co-operate in this way.

Very sincerely yours,

Executive Secretary.

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PEKING UNIVERSITY
156 FIFTH AVENUE
NEW YORK

Hotel Lafayette,
Buffalo, N.Y.
Feb. 10, 1923.



Peking University,
156 Fifth Ave.,
New York City,

Gentlemen:

Enclosed, herewith, please find checks as follows:

Wm. Palmer -----	\$50.00
W.A. Rogers -----	100.00
Howard Winship -----	25.00
Total -----	\$175.00

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Geo. Rand -----	\$100.00
J.J. Siegrist -----	500.00
Total -----	\$600.00

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Very truly yours,

H.K. Casky

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MAIN OFFICE AND WORKS, **BUFFALO, N.Y.** April 16, 1924.

Mark reply attention of
ADDRESS ALL CORRESPONDENCE TO THE COMPANY

Mr. J. Leighton Stuart,
American Headquarters, Peking University,
Room 912, 156 Fifth Avenue,
New York City.

Dear Mr. Stuart:

I have learned since my return that Messers. Baird, Crosby and Mr. Foster have all returned from their winter trip. I talked to Mr. Baird about your visit next week and was advised by him that he would be glad to see us next Tuesday morning, providing he was not obliged to go to Ottawa, Canada. *x To*

Mr. Baird is President of a Committee having in charge promotion of a vehicular and foot bridge across the Niagara River from Fort Erie to Buffalo and he has been active in this work since his return, having been in Washington this week.

I will look for you and Mr. Lewis next Tuesday morning, and I sincerely hope your visit here will be productive of satisfactory results.

Sincerely yours,

H. D. Miles

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May 8, 1924

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X Buttrick

Rev. George A. Buttrick,
100 Wadsworth St.,
Buffalo, N.Y.

Dear Mr. Buttrick:

Dr. Stuart sails for China today from Seattle, and so I must answer your letter of May 2, addressed to him.

During the two days we were in Buffalo, all of the subscriptions which we secured were by personal solicitation with the cooperation and kindness of Mr. Henry D. Miles. We secured the following pledges:

Henry D. Miles	\$3,000
William H. Crosby	1,000
William H. Hill	1,000
Orrin E. Foster	500
Frank B. Baird	2,500

We also called on Dr. Holmes and he said that though it would be impossible to include anything for the University in the budget of the Church at the present moment, he thought that he would be glad to share the responsibility of securing his proportionate amount for a sum like five or six thousand dollars, which the Presbyterian churches jointly might assume.

We called on Bishop Burt of the Methodist Church and he agreed to cooperate, both by giving us names and a personal letter immediately following the General Conference of that Church now in Session at Springfield, Mass.

You see there is something like \$25,000 yet to be secured toward this hall. We have some other leads in mind which may get us five or ten thousand dollars.

I will be in Buffalo the latter part of this month or the first of June and will hope then that we can clear up the whole matter. I will look forward to seeing you at that time and talking over affairs with you.

With cordial regards,

Sincerely yours

J. H. LEWIS

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MAIN OFFICE AND WORKS, BUFFALO, N.Y. May 12/24.

Mark reply attention of
ADDRESS ALL CORRESPONDENCE TO THE COMPANY

Mr. Lewis, Executive Secretary,
American Headquarters, Peking University,
Room 912, 156 Fifth Avenue,
New York City.

Dear Mr. Lewis:

I have been hustling around so much since you were here that I have hardly had time to think of the University of Peking, or at least the campaign for money.

I am enclosing herewith Mr. Pearson's subscription for \$100, Mr. Krentz' for \$100 and Mrs. Miles and my subscription for \$2,000.00. This, coupled with the subscription I have already made of \$1,000.00 makes a total of \$3,000 for Mrs. Miles and myself. My understanding with Dr. Stuart was that the subscription I had already made was joined to the \$2,000 to make the total subscription of \$3,000 for the dining and social hall.

I believe you already have the subscription from Messrs. Crosby and Hill. As I recall it, Mr. Baird has not signed a regular subscription blank. Perhaps it might be well for you to mail him one so he could sign it. I have endeavored to get in touch with Mr. McCarthy but he is out of town and will be away all this week and I therefore called Mr. Rogers up a minute ago and he advised they have not yet decided how much to give, but will come to a decision upon Mr. McCarthy's return and will communicate with your office direct.

As I think I told you, Mrs. Miles and I are sailing for Europe on the Majestic May 17th to be gone possibly two months. I am going over on a business trip and expect to go to England, France and Germany before returning; probably Belgium as well. We will arrive in New York Friday morning May 16th, and will stop at the Belmont Hotel. Our boat sails at ten A.M. daylight saving time from

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New York and we are requested to be on board by 7:30 on that day. If I have an opportunity, will phone you before leaving New York.

Very truly yours,

J.B. Miller

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PS- I neglected to say in the body of the letter that these subscriptions I referred to have been given with the understanding that sufficient money is to be raised to complete the hall, namely \$35,000. If, on the other hand, this amount is not raised, the obligation is not valid unless the subscribers consent to making other use for the funds than originally contemplated when the solicitations were made by us. What have you to say on this point?

Buffalo N. Y. Nov. 1/24

Mr. James H. Lewis

Ex Secy.
156 Fifth ave.

New York, N. Y.

Dear Mr. Lewis:—

Please find
enclosed my check amt. \$100⁰⁰ payment
in full covering my subscription toward
Buffalo Hall, Peking University.

Kindly favor me with acknowledge
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yours very truly
Peter J. Henry

69 Parkside ave.

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Excerpt of letter from Peking University Office
to Rev. W. C. McGarvey, D.D.
September 22, 1924

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During the last seven years over a million and a quarter dollars have been subscribed for the construction of the new University buildings. The providing for a few additional buildings has been started but not entirely finished. Among these is a central dining and recreation hall in group three, which we hope friends in Buffalo will provide. The total cost of this will be \$35,000.00 and of this amount some \$10,000.00 is already underwritten by Buffalo friends, among them being Mr. Hill and Mr. Crosby of the First Presbyterian Church, but I do not think any of the others are Presbyterians.

In conversations with Mr. George Buttrick and Dr. Holmes last spring, both of them felt that if a final campaign were made for the \$25,000, they would be willing to have their churches support a movement whereby the Presbyterians would try to secure \$5,000, the Methodists an equal amount, and the Congregationalists an equal amount; the balance of \$10,000 to be secured by private subscriptions; the hall to be called "Buffalo Hall" and proper inscription to be made inside the building concerning its donation.

At the suggestion of Mr. Buttrick, I am writing to you as Clerk of the Presbytery, in the hope that you may take this up with the Presbyterians and request for their favorable action on this matter. I earnestly trust this may be granted and we will appreciate it very deeply."

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November 11, 1924

Mr. Frank B. Baird
1069 Delaware Avenue
Buffalo, New York

My dear Mr. Baird:

I saw Mr. and Mrs. Miles here in New York the other day, when they were waiting at the dock to meet their daughter on her return from Peking. We had a delightful talk concerning many things, and in the course of our conversation very naturally spoke of completing the fund for the Buffalo Hall during this coming summer. I hope to come to Buffalo during the first part of December and that during my visit there we can complete the full amount necessary for the Hall.

Recent cablegrams from Peking indicate that we may be able to get into our new buildings in the fall of next year, and we surely are in great need of doing so. Despite the severe cost and changes of government, the closing of many government schools through lack of national funds and only partial enrollments in many of the schools in the central part of China, nevertheless our enrollment in Peking University this fall is larger than ever in our history and we have had to turn students away. In a letter received this morning from Dr. Stuart, he says, "Educationally we have the future before us, bright with hopes. We have the largest faculty and student enrollment, the finest plant when we get into it, the most diversified curriculum for foreign controlled universities, the choicest Chinese on the staff and more of them in addition to having by all odds the most strategic location."

In the conversation with Mr. Miles, he raised the question as to whether all of the Buffalo friends who had expressed their willingness to subscribe had either signed a pledge card or had written us to that effect, in order that such pledges might be taken care of in due time in spite of accidents of other unforeseen contingencies. In looking over the records, I fail to find other than a notation of your expressed desire to contribute to the Hall, but my recollection is that when Mr. Miles, Dr. Stuart and myself called upon you in your office, we did not have a pledge card with us, even though you asked for one at the time, and this accounts for my mentioning the fact now.

I trust you received the last issue of the "Peking News" a few days ago and enjoyed looking over the ~~course~~ which you followed on your trip around the world, and you may have been interested in making the acquaintance of the various opposing leaders involved in the present civil war in China. The coup d'etat of General Feng was rather boldly executed and the way in which he is handling the old Manchu family seems to indicate that he has a well laid plan for

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government activities, and to my mind presages well for the future of China. Of course my judgement in this matter may be decidedly modified on receipt of further word from Peking, but it does look this way just at this moment.

Very sincerely yours

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PEKING UNIVERSITY

Peking, China

Department of History

December 6, 1924.

My dear Mr. Miles:

Mildred will be able to tell you more vividly than I can write how urgent it is we move from our temporary buildings out to our new site. Even since she went away the necessity for it has increased and we are making every effort within our power to make it possible. All fall we have been trying to be able to finance the mechanical installations which are absolutely essential to our moving out, for without proper heat in this northern climate we could not carry on the work. At last, after very great difficulty, the problem had been temporarily met, when another arose for which we see no solution in sight. The trustees cabled us there are no funds for the one dining-hall, \$35,000, which is essential to our moving at all. Even with this the students would have to eat in two sections, but that would be a possibility.

One wonders if there is still hope if Buffalo with proper help from Mr. Lewis - our Executive Secretary - could rise to this tremendous occasion.

Ever most truly yours

(signed) H.W. Luce

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MAIN OFFICE AND WORKS, **BUFFALO, N.Y.** Jan. 17, 1925.

Mark reply attention of
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Mr. James H. Lewis,
Peking University,
156 Fifth Ave.,
New York, N. Y.

Dear Mr. Lewis:

Referring to attached copy of letter from Dr. Luce. Before replying to it I desire to learn from you what you feel you can do in Buffalo. As explained to you I do not see much chance of raising additional funds through my friends here.

When Dr. Stuart and I called on our prospects quite a number of them were away. Some of these could be seen now, but I doubt whether we could accomplish anything due to the delay which has occurred since the inspiring addresses made by Dr. Stuart and Dr. Luce at the luncheon over a year ago. The drive for subscriptions, in my opinion, should have followed the luncheon promptly but Mr. Baird in his address at the luncheon stated that we would call on our friends in April or May and we did call in April but on account of Mr. Baird's statement to the gathering I did not feel at liberty to start solicitations for funds earlier than that time. Of course, considerable of the enthusiasm had evaporated in those three months and despite the postponement several of the prospects were out of town when the campaign was on.

I do not feel that we can consistently ask those who have promised to give money for the new Buffalo Hall, to fulfill that promise unless sufficient money is in sight so that Buffalo can finance the building, as the subscriptions given or promised were obtained on the basis of enough money being raised to build a hall.

Yours very truly,

H. D. Miles
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MAIN OFFICE AND WORKS, **BUFFALO, N.Y.** Feb. 19, 1925.

Mark reply attention of
ADDRESS ALL CORRESPONDENCE TO THE COMPANY

Dr. Henry W. Luce,
University of Peking,
156 Fifth Ave.,
New York, N. Y.

Dear Dr. Luce:

I have your cordial letter of greetings which you penned before leaving the good ship Empress of Asia, and I want to thank you for so promptly advising us of your welcome approach to our shores.

We were very much surprised to receive a few days before Mr. Lewis' last visit to Buffalo, a letter from your New York office saying that Mr. Lewis was away and would join you before returning to New York, and that you were enroute from China. It seems too bad that you felt the call of duty so strongly as to bring you back to the States after so short a reunion with Mrs. Luce, and at a time when you should have had the rest and care your health demands. I sincerely hope that this sacrifice on your part, will be rewarded bountifully in funds for the University.

Mr. Lewis has had interviews with both Mrs. S.H. Knox and Seymour, and while he has made some headway, he has not yet succeeded in raising enough funds in that quarter to take care of the needs to complete Buffalo's quota; but he is not discouraged and thinks that he may be successful later.

It is possible that Mrs. Knox might be persuaded providing the hall would be called Knox Hall, and so far as I am

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concerned, I would be perfectly agreeable to her assuming the obligation if she would be willing to do it on that basis. I believe that all of the other subscribers would view the matter in the same light.

In accordance with your footnote on your letter, I assume that you have been to New York and are possibly now there, and I am directing this letter to your New York office.

I have conveyed your greetings to Mrs. Miles and Mildred who reciprocate as I do most cordially, and we look forward with pleasure to seeing you in Buffalo as soon as you find it convenient to come.

With best wishes,

Sincerely yours,



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Buffalo Hall. Knox

March 2, 1925

Dear Mrs. Knox:

I am sending, under separate cover, to you tonight a water color drawing of the Dining Hall for Peking University, which we want to erect this spring and summer and which will be the Buffalo building.

I am extremely anxious about this building because at the present time we do not have a single one of the dining halls provided for and we simply must have two of them for use next fall. It looks possible now that the Weyerhaeuser family of St. Paul will provide for one of these, inasmuch as one of the brothers will give \$15,000 if the others will provide the balance.

I have not yet heard from Mr. Wilson nor have I had anything definite from any of the others whom I saw while in Buffalo, and so I may come up again and try to finish providing for it.

Because of your own very generous offer, I thought you would be interested in having this copy of the building, and of course I personally should be happy to see it called the Buffalo-Knox Hall.

We have our Annual Meeting April 9 so if I should come to Buffalo it should probably be a couple of weeks before that.

Very sincerely yours

Mrs. S. H. Knox
806 Delaware Avenue
Buffalo, N. Y.

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Buffalo Hall - Knox

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2nd March 1925.

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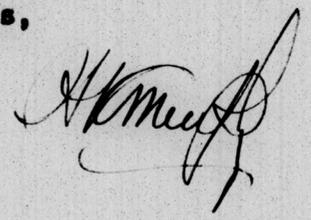
Mrs. S.H. Knox,
806 Delaware Ave.,
Buffalo, N.Y.

Dear Mrs. Knox:-

At the request of Mr. James H. Lewis, Executive Secretary of Peking University, I am sending you by American Railway Express today a framed water-color perspective of Dining Hall for Peking University; showing also, on each side, portions of the dormitories forming a court unit.

The last time I was in China I made careful studies of the colors of the Palaces and other buildings in the Forbidden City in Peking, on which our designs for Peking University are based; and the water-color we sent you today indicates these colors fairly accurately.

Very truly yours,



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May 25, 1925

Mr. H. D. Miles
350 Linwood Avenue
Buffalo, New York

Dear Mr. Miles:

I am enclosing herewith a list of the Buffalo subscriptions toward the Buffalo Hall. You will see that your subscription with those of your friends reaches nearly \$9,000 and I believe you thought you could bring this up to an even \$10,00 which amount, however, was to include some which you had already paid to the University.

In accordance with your suggestion last winter, I wrote to Mr. Baird and enclosed a subscription blank covering his verbal subscription to us but received no response from him. 5-12

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If you and your friends will accept this help from outside sources, we shall be grateful here if we can begin receiving the money now on the pledges. I do hope that we can bring the Buffalo gifts up an additional \$5,000 however, in order to completely pay for the building without drawing on further University funds which should be used for other purposes. If this program meets your approval, I will write at once to Mr. Crosby, Mr. and Mrs. Hill, Mr. Pearson and Mr. Baird as well as to Mrs. Knox and ask if they can begin sending in payments on their pledges. I presume it would be better if you could either see or telephone all except the Knox's. I will take care of them myself.

I know that you will be delighted to learn that within the last ten days Mr. Arthur Curtiss James has pledged \$100,000 for our endowment fund. This is encouraging to us all.

With warm regards,

Very sincerely yours

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Mr. H. D. Miles
350 Linwood Avenue
Buffalo, New York

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Mark reply attention of

Mr. James H. Lewis,
Peking University,
150 Fifth Ave.,
New York, N. Y.

Dear Mr. Lewis:

Your letter of May 25th arrived during my absence on a two weeks motor trip with a party including Mrs. Miles and her sister, which explains my delay in answering.

I am glad to note that you were able to secure \$10,000 from the Knox family. I am perfectly agreeable to your notifying the other subscribers with regard to the plan for going ahead and making payment of their subscriptions.

I wish to call your attention to the fact that Mr. Crosby was not to begin making payments on his subscription before 1926 as per his arrangements with Dr. Stewart and myself. This perhaps has been noted on his subscription blank.

If any of the subscribers raise any objections to making payments on their subscriptions, kindly let me know and I will take the matter up with such persons as may object; but I do not think you will have any difficulty with any of them.

I will see Mr. Baird in the next few days and discuss with him the question of soliciting other subscriptions in this city. My own belief is that the matter has gotten so cold due to the time that has elapsed since the campaign was on, that not much money can be raised aside from what has been secured. This condition coupled with the fact that the revolutions in China and the attack on for-

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eigners both by bandits and by the students in China, chills the generous heart. However- I will be glad to have your views on the subject and will write you further after hearing from you and Mr. Baird.

Kindly let me know how you want payments made, and Mrs. Miles and I will arrange accordingly.

With best regards, I am

Sincerely yours,



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ADDRESS ALL CORRESPONDENCE TO THE COMPANY
Mark reply attention of

Mr. James H. Lewis,
Peking University,
150 Fifth Avenue,
New York City

Dear Mr. Lewis:

I have yours of the 11th inst.
and am pleased to note the splendid progress
you have been making in the matter of financ-
ing the Buffalo Dining-hall Refectory for
Peking University and am attaching hereto my
check for \$100 covering my subscription in full.

With kind regards and best wishes,

I remain,

Yours very truly,



CWP-AMB
Enc. Check

RECEIVED
AT PEKING UNIV. MCH.
JUN 16 1925
ANSWERED
By

*Receipt made ✓
2/2/25 ✓
H. D. Miles ✓
\$117.00*

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MAIN OFFICE AND WORKS, **BUFFALO, N.Y.** July 8, 1925.

ADDRESS ALL CORRESPONDENCE TO THE COMPANY
Mark reply attention of

Amos
Mr. James H. Lewis,
Peking University,
150 Fifth Ave.,
New York City.

Dear Mr. Lewis:

I enclose herewith check for \$2750.00 which covers the balance of my subscription and Mrs. Miles' \$1000.00 subscription to Peking University. I hope that you will be able to get all the funds you require to complete one of the mess halls for the University.

Very truly yours,

H. D. Miles

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The Crosby Company
Sheet Metal Stamping
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Charles J. Pankow	Superintendent
Charles L. Sager	Traffic Manager

July 13, 1925.

Mr. James H. Lewis,
Executive Secretary,
150 Fifth Avenue,
New York City.

Dear Sir:

-Peking University-

I duly received your letter of June 10, regarding my subscription to Peking University but have delayed replying because I was not in sufficient funds to send you the full amount at once. I am enclosing check for \$500.00 which is one-half of my pledge, and will forward you the second \$500.00 within the next few months although if your need for the entire amount is urgent I can arrange to send the ~~entire amount~~ ^{balance} promptly.

You do not say in your letter to whom to make the check payable but I have made it to the order of Mr. McBrier who seems to be the Treasurer of the Board of Trustees.

I am very glad to know that sufficient funds were raised in Buffalo to warrant your naming one of the buildings after our city although I feel that it is too bad that the full amount for such building was not raised here.

Very truly yours,

William H. Hill

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Enclosure

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entry 7-14-25

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THE CROSBY COMPANY

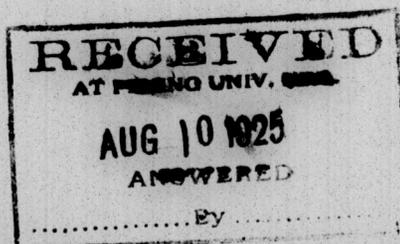
Buffalo N.Y. Aug 7/25-

Mr James H Lewis
150 Fifth Ave
N.Y. City

Dear Mr. Lewis

I wrote you July 13 and sent
check for half my pledge to
Peking University - I also made
inquiry as to how urgent your
need for money is, - for, if it is
very urgent, I can arrange to
send you balance soon. As I've
had no acknowledgment of either
letter or check I am in doubt what
to do

Yours very truly
William H Hill.



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MAIN OFFICE AND WORKS, **BUFFALO, N.Y.** December 9, 1925.

ADDRESS ALL CORRESPONDENCE TO THE COMPANY

Mark reply attention of



Mr. James H. Lewis,
Peking University,
150 Fifth Ave.,
New York, N. Y.

Dear Mr. Lewis:

I talked to Mr. Baird today and he told me that he would send you \$2500 after the first of the year.

He said that he has paid out over \$40,000 for charity and other public gifts this year, and therefore wants to call it "quits" until the new year begins.

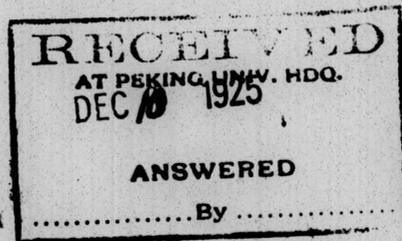
I trust this will meet your situation particularly as January is not very far away.

With best regards, I am

Sincerely yours,

H. D. Miller

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12/10/25

Balance of pledge of \$1000.

Paid -	July 13/15	\$500.-
"	herewith	500.-
		<u>\$1000.-</u>

Miss a Mrs
P. B. B. B.

William H Hill

The Crosby Co

Buffalo N.Y.

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Chase \$500.00

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MAIN OFFICE AND WORKS, **BUFFALO, N.Y.**

January 7, 1926

ADDRESS ALL CORRESPONDENCE TO THE COMPANY

Mark reply attention of

Mr. James H. Lewis,
Peking University,
150 Fifth Avenue,
New York, N. Y.

Dear Mr. Lewis:

I enclose herewith Mr. Crosby's check for \$1000.00, covering his subscription to Peking University. He advised that this money is due in April, but as he expects to be out of town, he is sending the check now.

Will you kindly acknowledge Mr. Crosby's check. His address is Crosby Company, Buffalo, N. Y.

Very truly yours,

H. D. Miles

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*copy 1591
1-8-26
not sent*

*enclosed in
Mr. Crosby's
follow-up
1000*

RECEIVED
AT PEKING UNIV. HDQ.
JAN 8 1926
ANSWERED
.....By

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JAMES H. LEWIS
150 FIFTH AVENUE
NEW YORK

June 3, 1927

B U F F A L O H A L L

From Ledger - 122U

1924

Apr. 25	O. E. Foster	Slip #704	\$500
Nov. 3	P. J. Krentz	885	100

1925

June 19	C. W. Pearson ✓	1173	100
17	4th Pres. Ch. Chicago ✓	1171	250
July 6	Grace M. Knox ✓	1177	5000
11	H. B. Miles ✓	1187	2750
14	Wm. H. Hill	1189	500
Dec. 14	Mr. & Mrs. W.H.Hill	1540	500

1926

Jan. 8	Wm. H. Crosby	1591	1000
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MAIN OFFICE AND WORKS, **BUFFALO, N.Y. July 7, 1926.**

ADDRESS ALL CORRESPONDENCE TO THE COMPANY

Mark reply attention of

Mr. F. H. Lewis,
Peking University,
150 Fifth Avenue,
New York City.

Dear Mr. Lewis:

I am sorry to hear from you that Mr. Baird has failed to send you his check for \$2500.00 as he stated to me he would do the early part of this year. I do not understand it, because Mr. Baird has a fine reputation in Buffalo for his public spirit, what he has accomplished in charitable and public work of a beneficial kind and for his generosity generally. It must be that he is embarrassed somewhat somewhere.

I am reluctant to go any further in the matter myself because Mr. Baird originally entered the campaign I think to oblige me more than any one else, and I would therefore feel embarrassment in approaching him again after what I did last fall.

The only thing I can say is that if the opportunity offers to bring up the matter to him casually I will do so but I cannot promise to dun him.

Mrs. Miles has just returned from a short visit to Muskoka and joins me in kind regards to yourself.

Very truly yours,



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June 8, 1928

GIFTS TO BUFFALO HALL

<u>Donor</u>	<u>Pledge</u>	<u>Paid</u>	<u>Due</u>	<u>Payable</u>
Mr. Wm. H. Crosby	\$1000	\$1000	--	-
Mr. Orrin E. Foster	500	500	--	-
Fourth Presbyterian Church, Chicago, Ill.	250	250	--	-
Mr. & Mrs. Wm. H. Hill	1000	1000	--	-
Mrs. S. H. Knox	5000	5000	--	-
Mr. P. J. Krentz	100	100	--	-
Mr. & Mrs. H. D. Miles	3000	3000	--	-
Mr. C. W. Pearson	100	100	--	-
Mrs. A. D. Wheeler	250	250	--	-
Mr. Frank Baird	2500 - verbal	-	\$2500	Jan. 1926
Mr. McCarthy	500 - verbal	-	500	?
(It is not known who Mr. McCarthy is but it is presumed that he is connected in some way with Mr. Rogers whose name appears on the list of givers at Buffalo toward undesignated purposes)				

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KONANTZ, Emma L.
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TRUSTEES OF
PEKING UNIVERSITY

6-5-22

Hon. Eric W. Douthett
Sec'y Peking University,
New York City,
My dear Mr. Douthett

I have been interested
in your promotion since
leaving Miss Desbry's
and am always glad to
hear from you through
our good friends, the
Desbry's.

I had a letter
from Miss Stebbins
Friday relative to my

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return to Geology University
There is an unpleasant
reason why I should like
the fall semester for
research and research work by
Sicilia in San Francisco by
been very ill for a few
months and could not
get know the outcome of
her illness - I should
like very much to leave
her at this time and it
may be that she will
deed me with her in
that case I should do
my research work in Berkeley

I have had a talk
with Dr. Lome who is
here this evening and he
can further explain the
situation.

I suppose my passage
is arranged, though you
are well appreciated and
respected for preparing to
sail from San Francisco.
What shall I do in regard
to freight - send it to
New York or as the
business usually do?
What arrangements has
been made regarding my

Salary?

I shall greatly appreciate any information regarding my going out for my first class to give free.

With cordial greetings and best wishes for your continued success, I am,

Sincerely yours -

Anna L. Knaut,

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Holmes, Ohio,
June 5, 1922,

June 8th, 1922.

Miss E. L. Konantz,
Delaware, Ohio.

My dear Miss Konantz:-

Although I have not had the pleasure of greeting you personally, I want to send this word of welcome now that it is definite that you will be co-operating with us in Peking. I envy you the opportunity that is coming to you to go out to China soon.

We have been working away at this end of the line now for two and one-half years and are being penalized for the very success that has come to the University and are being asked to stay on yet another year. While matters have gone ahead better than we could have hoped, yet if we carry the plan of removal to the new site, another very hard and difficult year is before us in this country in behalf of Peking University.

Not long ago we got out an interesting pamphlet on Peking which may have been sent to you and if not will you let us know and we will gladly send you a copy or as many as you would like. I take it for granted that you have some copies of the quarterly paper we issue called "Peking News". If you have any friends who are interested and ought to be kept interest in Peking University, and will send us their names and addresses, we will send them what literature is sent out from here from time to time.

I am sorry that your plans will not bring you here to New York. We shall follow you in your work with great interest.

Very sincerely yours,

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June 26, 1922

Prof. Emma L. Konantz,
Delaware, Ohio

My dear Miss Konantz:

I have your letter to myself and to Dr. Luce with reference to your appointment to the Faculty of Peking University. I regret the delay in answering your letters which was due not only to the pressure of other things but because I had supposed that you had reached an understanding with President Stuart that you would not go out for the ~~fall~~ ^{first} semester but that you would work at the University at Berkeley and be near your sister.

For this reason no arrangements have been made for your passage as it was not known at what date you would go out.

In accordance with the action taken by the Executive Committee of the Trustees, your relationship would be directly to the University and not to the Methodist Board of Foreign Missions, although for a time at least the source of the funds from which we expect to provide for you will be the Methodist Board.

I am not sure from my conversation with President Stuart whether it was the thought that your salary would begin with the time of your leaving for China, that is with the second semester rather than the first. If you have any information as to this point from conversation with him, I should appreciate having it.

I am sorry that I can not give you a precise figure as to the salary. It happens that the salary scale is being subjected to some minor adjustments so that instead of paying the maximum rate which any cooperating mission pays, we shall be paying a rate that represents more approximately the

average of what the cooperating Missions pay. Just what the result of this will be, I do not yet know as the calculations will be made by President Stuart on the field. My estimate is that it will be approximately \$850 annually, not including rent which would be provided.

The best arrangement concerning freight would be for you to have it sent from Delaware to Montgomery, Ward & Co., Chicago, by shipment to Peking. It should be marked with your name and addressed to Peking University, Peking, China. The freight allowance is one and one-half cubic tons or 60 cubic feet. Any amount over this will be regarded as personal expense.

You are familiar with the allowance of 350 pounds of baggage for transcontinental trip provided one is sailing from a Pacific port. I am not sure whether you will be able to avail yourself of this, because of the time you desire to spend in California.

Arrangements for reservations, steamer tickets and travel expense will be made here, when we know when you are going to sail. The ticket and funds necessary will be advanced to you and settlement made when you reach Peking.

I shall be glad to know what in your judgment is the fair thing to do in the matter of travel expense and whether the point of departure should be Delaware or California, in view of the time you will be spending with your sister. The travel allowance, of course, is for the shortest route between the point of origin and the destination. Please keep me advised of anything I can do to forward your interests as we greatly appreciate the service you have rendered and are expecting to render to the University and the spirit in which you have undertaken it.

Faithfully yours,

Secretary

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July 17
1922

Professor Emma L. Konantz,
% H. J. Konantz,
415 East Park Avenue,
Olathe, Kansas.

My dear Miss Konantz:

First, with reference to salary. I am directing the Treasurer to pay you at the rate of \$650 a year until your outgoing when your salary will be paid on the field. There is a very real point which you make with reference to the service which you have given at Ohio Wesleyan and the ground that gives for consideration of the increased allowances for long service. So far as I know, no case of this kind has ever come before us before. There are cases where men who are members of our Methodist Conferences here go to the field but their service as members of a Conference in this country does not affect their status with reference to field salary; it does, however, mean that the years of service in the United States are included when they come to the time of pension in the calculations on which the pension is determined. I am taking this matter up with President Stuart by correspondence.

Second, with reference to the time of our outgoing. I think we may consider it agreed that that can be delayed until the second semester although I have not yet heard from Peking; should I get any word that indicated that it was urgent that you come out for the first semester, I will of course let you know immediately but I do not anticipate it.

Third, with reference to your desire to study at Columbia, may I ask whether you can get the same work or sufficiently near the same work at Berkeley or at Leland Stanford? It would be somewhat difficult for me to find the extra appropriation necessary to bring you on from Kansas to New York and back again, and I have my doubts whether I could secure it. If, however, you could do the work at Berkeley or in California, then the transportation necessary would be taken care of by the outgoing. I suggest that you look up the matter very care-

fully with reference to the possibility of getting what you want in California and if you find it at all possible to follow out that line, to plan to do so. Sometimes if the work one desires is not specifically listed in the course given, there is opportunity for private study under the guidance of the Department for persons as well qualified as you are.

It occurs to me to say with reference to your salary while in this country that if you need it, it will be possible for us to make an allowance for rent up to \$15 a month. This applies, however, only to that specific item. I shall send the salary along anyway and wait for you to advise me concerning this last item.

With cordial good wishes, I am

Faithfully yours,

Secretary

BMH
JL

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DEPARTMENT OF MATHEMATICS

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Mr. E. Kussion

Peking - China - March 5, 23

Mr. Leslie D. Cross -

Peking University -
150 Fifth Ave - New York City.

My dear Mr. Cross -

I should have written you immediately upon my arrival in Peking and intended doing so but have waited hoping each day I would receive my freight labels and know the expense connected with them, Mr. Krause advised my waiting until everything was in before making my report to the New York office. I have my report ready and when I know these other items shall send it at once.

There will be a small balance due you on the money you allowed me for travelling expenses - The enclosed bill for books amount to \$34.56 - I paid Montgomery Ward and Co - on freight shipped last summer \$35.70 - I presume though best to report all these things at the same time -

Vol. I of Faure's History of Art did not come

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and as the bill does not include it, I presume the mistake was on my part.

Will you kindly order -

Vol 1 - ~~Faure's History of Art~~ - order
also Vol 3 - " " " " 3341
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The latter volume was to appear this Spring. -

I have been very busy since reaching Peking, in getting settled and started in my work. - I am happy in my work and in my life here and am glad to be back.

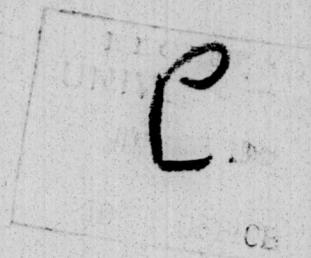
Thanking you again for your great help to me while in New York -

I am most cordially yours -

Ernest L. Hunt.

燕京大學

Donnelly
PEKING UNIVERSITY
(YENCHING TA HSUEH)
PEKING, CHINA



June 23, 1923.

Mr. Leslie B. Cross -
Executive Sec'y China Union Universities -
150 7th Ave., New York City.
My dear Mr. Cross, -

Your letter of April 6th has been received. Everything in connection with my accounts, ^{to the office} has now been adjusted with the authorities here. Volume 3 of the History of Art, I shall account for upon its arrival. There is also some freight to be adjusted upon a box which has not yet arrived. These two items will then balance everything.

My sister has ordered two photographs which were too large to be sent through the mails sent direct to the Peking office to be sent to me by some one coming up. I have written Mr. Hung about them asking him to bring them with him. I know he will be glad to do me this favor. If you have not already sent photos will you kindly see that they are given to Mr. Hung.

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We are so glad to have President Stuebel
back again but we say the Campaign has not
been of greater success, I suppose we could not
expect it to be other in these days of financial
stress. Of course we are hoping for your usual
job.

These are troubled days in China, I doubt
you receive greatly exaggerated reports. This
may be the final storm before some peaceful
days. Let us trust so.

I am so grateful to you for so well
looking after my needs. -

Thanking you for transferring the
photos - I am,

Cordially yours -
Ernest L. Krantz.

July 18, 1925

Miss E. L. Konantz
Peking University
Peking, China

Dear Miss Konantz:

I have the honor to inform you that on April 12, 1923, at the annual meeting, the Board of Trustees voted to confirm your appointment as associate professor in the Department of Mathematics and Astronomy, in the College of Arts and Sciences.

This is a very belated notification.

I hope the glory of the appointment will not be tarnished because of the delay! My congratulations are sincere.

Most cordially,

Secretary Peking University.

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September 7, 1923.

Mr. Leslie B. Cross -

153 7th Ave

New York City,

My Dear Mr. Cross,

I thank you for your kindly greeting in your notification of my election to the Associate Professorship in Peking University. I had supposed I was elected before coming out.

Your letter regarding pictures has also been received. They forwarded them by mail from the New York office, and fortunately they reached me in good condition. I feared they would not be safe in the mails as they were so large. My desk has just arrived - that is all of my freight now which was to come.

We are glad to have President Stuart back again. I am sure he is needed in

the campaign but he is also needed
badly here. We have been holding entrance
examinations this week and an increased
number are applying for admission.

I hope to see Dr. King next week.

Again thanking you for all your
interest in my behalf - I am,

Yours cordially -

Ernest L. Kenworthy

We are all appalled by this
awful catastrophe which has
befallen Japan. The fact that
we can get such meagre reports leads
us to believe the worst. -

E.K.

Copy

2506 Third Ave. So.,
Minneapolis, Minn.

January 11, 1928.

Dean George H. Chase,
Graduate School of Arts and Sciences,
Harvard University,
Cambridge, Mass.

My dear Dr. Chase:

At the request of President Stuart I am sending you by registered mail the translation of "The Precious Mirror of the Four Elements" made by Dr. Ch'en of Yenching University. I feel that this translation is of great cultural value since there are so few who appreciate the achievement of the Chinese in algebra. This algebra, published in 1303, as you perhaps know represents the culmination of Chinese algebra and I think you will agree with me in the statement that it is in advance of European algebra at that time.

If you care for the opinion of others regarding the value of Chu's work I would refer you to Dr. David Eugene Smith, to Professor R.G. D. Richardson *Secretary* of the *American Mathematical Society*,

581 West 116th St, New York City,
and to Mr. Arthur E. Hume, now in the Chinese Department of the Library of Congress, Washington, D.C.

(I shall be grateful to you for any suggestions or criticisms you may make.)

Thanking you for your consideration,

I am,
Most sincerely yours,
Ernest S. Routh

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THE LATE MISS EMMA LOUISE KONANTZ

Yenching Woman Professor dies

Miss Konantz passes Away; Joined University Here in 1921

The friends of Miss Emma Louise Konantz will be shocked to learn of her death early in the afternoon of Friday, January 3, at the Peking Union Medical College Hospital. Miss Konantz entered the hospital for examination early in December, and many of her friends did not realize the critical nature of her condition until a very short time before her death.

Miss Konantz has been Professor of Mathematics at Yenching University ever since she joined the institution in 1921. She came to Yenching whilst on leave from Ohio Wesleyan, where she was Associate Professor of Mathematics and Dean of Women. So greatly was Miss Konantz esteemed and beloved at Ohio Wesleyan that she was continued as a member of the faculty on leave until she had completed ten years' service in the Far East.

Miss Konantz was born in Ste. Genevieve, Missouri, in 1867. She graduated B.A. and M.A. from Ohio Wesleyan where she subsequently spent twenty-five years of her professional life, with periods of graduate study at Chicago and the University of Munich interspersed. It was during these years that she made the acquaintance of Chinese students at Ohio Wesleyan many of whom later became distinguished in public life and all of whom have continued loyal friendships which greatly enriched Miss Konantz's last years. Her service in Yenching has also been fruitful of many close ties amongst Chinese and foreigners, to whom her memory is most precious.

Miss Konantz was remarkable not only for the great dignity and gentleness which combined with her rare sympathy to endear her to all who knew her, but also for an enthusiasm for Chinese art. She was the fortunate possessor of paintings, and of treasures of bronze and porcelain from the best periods. She published articles from time to time on subjects connected with her interest in art, but her most important contribution to scholarship is in her own field of mathematics. She has for many years been working with Dr. T.H. Ch'en of her department upon his "History of Chinese Mathematics," which has been accepted for publication by the Harvard Yenching Institute, and was this winter receiving its final revision.

Miss Konantz is survived by her sister Mrs. Gay P. Benton of New York City. Notice of final arrangements for the funeral and interment will be published later.

January 14, 1936

My dear Dr. Korns:

Mrs. Benton shared with me before she left New York a message she had just received from you. It had given her a great deal of comfort to have you express yourself as you did, and particularly to have you suggest the appropriateness of a memorial in memory of Miss Konantz. Two days before your letter arrived, Pauline and I had had a preliminary conference on this matter, and we are now working along in the hope of being able to present an effective appeal to the Ohio Wesleyan classes who knew Miss Konantz. I shall be very happy to have your advice and that of Mrs. Korns at every stage of this plan, and hope you will be willing to look over the draft of the materials as we prepare them.

Are we correct in feeling that we can begin with the Class of 1892 at Ohio Wesleyan, the class which was in its senior year when Miss Konantz entered, and include all of the classes through 1919, the year when she left for Peking? Are there any substantial number of interested friends outside of the alumni body of Ohio Wesleyan?

Will you suggest friends in China as well as prominent persons in this country whose sponsorship would be important in presenting this appeal? Are Far T. Sung and C. C. Wang both living, and where can they be reached? Pauline has suggested Dr. Oscar Buck of Drew and Bishop Welch, in addition to President Soper, as being important to this project. Among the members of the faculty still at Delaware, Pauline has mentioned Miss Sallie Humphries and the Duvalls and Westgates. I should like to have your response and further suggestions before writing to any of these people.

I enclose herewith a folder which is being successfully used in a similar project just launched. Of course, in the case of Miss Konantz, the material will be somewhat different because of the greater intimacy of her connection with the China work. I should like to know, however, whether in general the character of this folder appeals to you. It has been accompanied by a strong letter of which I enclose a copy, together with the materials for making a reply.

We are having the advantage of advice from President Stuart of Yenching who is in New York at this time, and he is enthusiastic over the idea of scholarship funds in Miss Konantz's memory. This appeals to Mrs. Benton and Pauline also because of the warm human interest which characterized the life of Miss Konantz. We did not intend to set a definite goal, but it might be well to suggest a range of limits within which gifts would be expected. What is your suggestion on this matter? I need not say that I shall hope to have an early reply from you, and that we wish to further this project as rapidly as may be done wisely.

Sincerely yours,

Dr. John H. Korns
615 West Sullivan Street
Olean, New York

Mrs. T. D. Macmillan
Executive Director

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January 14, 1936

My dear Mrs. Benton:

I enclose herewith the folder which I promised to let you see. We have used this successfully in our recent beginnings of a memorial fund for Professor Irving Francis Wood. I would hope to present for the fund in your sister's honor material of this character, with such different emphasis as is indicated by the work which Miss Konantz did for so many years in China. The contents of the folder will be dependent upon what I am able to secure from you and your daughters and from friends of the family. By cable or letter we will ask advice and approval of Bishop Welch, and I will soon confer with President Stuart and with K. A. Wee in regard to getting in touch with some of the Chinese friends. Pauline suggested Dr. Oscar Buck of Draw as being one of the prominent persons most closely identified with Miss Konantz's life.

I shall be very grateful for any comments which you are able to direct to me before you leave the coast. Meanwhile I shall work along as expeditiously as possible to enlist the interest and secure the advice of those friends whom you and Pauline have mentioned.

I shall expect to receive from you in Minneapolis the photograph taken by the Rogers studio.

You will have in mind also that I shall hope to receive in the near future an indication of the amount which you and Helen and your brother feel that you can contribute toward starting this fund on its way. I shall, of course, keep in constant touch with Mrs. Mimick, sending her cash draft of any material proposed for use.

Let me assure you of my own deep personal interest, both because of my admiration for the splendid qualities of Miss Konantz and because of my primary allegiance to the work which the China Colleges are doing.

Sincerely yours,

Mrs. Guy Potter Benton
Care of Mrs. Dwight E. Mimick
1415 East River Road
Minneapolis, Minnesota

Mrs. T. D. Macmillan
Executive Director

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燕京大學
YENCHING UNIVERSITY
PEIPING WEST. CHINA.

January 16, 1936.

To the Yenching University office:

You have no doubt already heard of the death of Miss Emma Kovantz on January 3. She went to the C.U.M.C. for a medical examination, expecting to return home in a few days. But as an operation was found necessary, she remained at the hospital to be built up. The operation was a preliminary one, the removing of the cancer in the caecum to come later. She lived exactly a week, a week of great suffering ending in a peaceful passing away.

It is impossible to tell you how much some of us are missing her. She had all the loving care that friends, nurses, and doctors could give; but it was impossible to let many of her friends see her after the operation.

I am enclosing a clipping from the Beiping Chronicle. It may be that the Christian Advocate could make use of it.

Sincerely yours,

G.S. Miss Kovantz's sister,
Mrs. Guy P. Benton, is on her way to China now together with a daughter.

G.E. Breece

CATTARAUGUS COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH

BARTLETT MEMORIAL COMMUNITY CENTER

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OFFICE OF THE
BUREAU OF TUBERCULOSIS

January 17, 1936.

Mrs. J.D. Macmillan,
Assoc. Board for Christian Colleges in China,
150 Fifth Ave., N.Y.

My dear Mrs. Macmillan -

Ben and I were glad to hear from you again and especially glad to know that Mrs. Benton had decided upon scholarship funds to be secured through your office.

You are substantially correct regarding the dates 1892 and 1919; they could be verified by the University registers. Certainly appeals could be made to that whole group. Far J. Sung and C. C. Wang are still living. Mr. Sung has married again and is in the consulate at Batavia, Java. Probably Dr. Stuart could tell you how to reach Mr. Wang. The names of faculty members and others who would be helpful are as right. Thinking of my own contemporaries I might add the names of Burleigh E. Cartmel (about '03) now in Delaware, O., and Rev. E. K. Morrow, Calverton, Wyoming. He is '05. Certain names out in China come to Pass and me: Mrs. Muntze in Peking, Miss Holland teacher in Tsinghua College, Soh Zyu King, artist,

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Peking, Mrs Wang, sister of Bob Zou King, a Chinese lady who was Miss Ling (now married), Harold & Lucy Chiang, ^{Peking} ~~Daughter~~ (Lucy is a daughter of F. J. Dungey, also Homes & Jesse Dungey sons of Far Isaac Dungey, Dr. & Mrs. A. M. Dunlap Shanghai, Mr. & Mrs. Fette. The Breeces at Yen ching and the Wolfersz' would be good persons to enlarge the China list. If additional names occur to us we can send them later.

Helen ^{C.} Gunsaulus, ^{professor at the Chicago Art} ~~Institute~~, ^{5725 S. Kimbark St. Chicago Illinois.} was a great friend.

I like your dignified printed matter. Something similar would appeal to me. Since appeals would go to persons who knew her at various ages it might be interesting to have on the folder photographs & good snapshots taken at various periods in her teaching career. Mrs. Benton no doubt has a generous supply of pictures. We have some and would be glad to lend them.

Your experience will guide you in the matter of suggesting a range of limits. Ohio Wesleyan Alumni are not wealthy as a rule. Bess and I want to give \$100.

Thanks for the Christmas reminders.
Best wishes, John H. Kama

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January 18, 1936

My dear Dr. Korns:

Your letter of the seventeenth supplies just the confidence I needed to go^{on} with the program for a memorial to Miss Konantz. Strangely enough, Mrs. Benton was unable to find any number of pictures to be considered in the planning of a booklet. She did give me two interior views of Miss Konantz's home on the Yenching campus, and one snapshot of Miss Konantz with a girl student. She has apparently helped in sending letters and pictures to other members of the family as they have come her way, and the result is that they were not available last week when she tried to find them. If you will lend me what you have, I will be able to go ahead more rapidly, and I will send back to you promptly any which are not to be put to immediate use. Mrs. Benton has promised to send back from Minnesota a print of a photograph taken there.

Again thank you and Mrs. Korns. Among your very helpful suggestions is that of Miss Gunsaulus, whom I had forgotten for the moment.

Sincerely yours,

Mrs. T. D. Macmillan

Dr. John H. Korns
615 West Sullivan Street
Olean, New York

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YENCHING UNIVERSITY

PEIPING, CHINA

American Office

150 Fifth Avenue

New York

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January 22, 1936

My dear Bishop Anderson:

You will have heard of the passing of Miss Emma L. Konantz in Peiping on January 3. We think of you as one of the friends who deeply appreciated the fine qualities which Miss Konantz brought into life and who will share the eagerness with which some of us have turned to a plan through which her service in Yenching University can to some small extent be continued and her name suitably honored in memory. After consultation with Mrs. Benton and Miss Pauline Benton, as they were leaving for Peiping, and with President Stuart, who is at present in New York, we have drawn up a preliminary plan for raising scholarship funds in Miss Konantz's name, to be made available for students of promise at Yenching. It is hoped that this appeal will meet with substantial response from the alumni of Ohio Wesleyan University covering the twenty-seven years of Miss Konantz's unbroken connection with that institution, and from other friends in America and China.

Does this proposal meet with your approval? We are specially eager to have your word of endorsement for the idea before we proceed. Would you be willing to express this endorsement in such a way that we might quote you briefly in the material which will be prepared to present the facts of Miss Konantz's long and valuable service?

Have you suggestions of others whom we should consult immediately?

Sincerely yours,

T. D. Macmillan
Mrs. T. D. Macmillan

Bishop William F. Anderson
Northfield, Minnesota

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I think it would do a lot of things they
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this in the manner they
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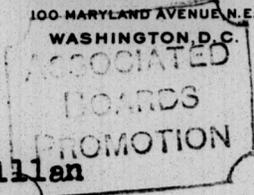
Sincerely,
Jas. F. Anderson

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Konantz Memorial

Methodist Episcopal Church
Washington Area

OFFICE OF THE RESIDENT BISHOP



Mrs. T. D. Macmillan
150 Fifth Ave.
New York, N.Y.

Dear Mrs. Macmillan:

I have today received your letter of January 22. I should be only pleased to have you make such use of the endorsement written below as may seem to you to be wise. I sincerely trust that in spite of the difficult times it may be possible for you to secure a good fund for Scholarship in the name of so useful and good a woman as Miss Konantz.

Cordially,

Edwin Hughes

To Kindly Friends:

Miss Emma L. Konantz has rendered such fine and faithful service, both at Ohio Wesleyan University in America, and at Yenching University in China, as to warrant a most generous memorial from her friends, and from all the friends of Christian education. I sincerely trust that the effort to raise scholarship funds in Miss Konantz's honor, these funds to be made available for students of promise in China, may receive a wide and large response.

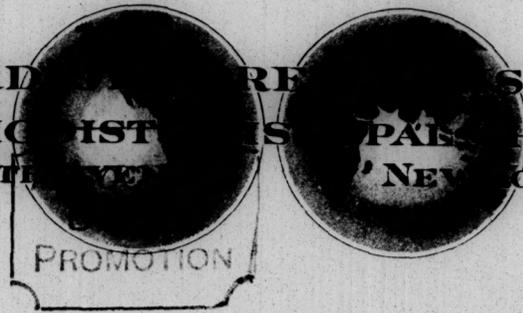
Cordially,

Edwin Hughes
Bishop.

Jan. 23, 1936

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METHODIST EPISCOPAL CHURCH
150 FIFTH AVENUE, NEW YORK, N.Y.



January 24, 1936

Mrs. T.D. Macmillan
150 Fifth Avenue
New York

Dear Mrs. Macmillan,

The proposal with reference to a memorial scholarship for Miss Konantz of Peiping is a good one; although I am not sure how productive your appeal will be among Ohio Wesleyan students in view of the great gap in years between her former service at Ohio Wesleyan and her death in Peiping. I should be glad to give approval for the appeal.

Sincerely yours

R. E. Diffendorfer
R.E. Diffendorfer
Corresponding Secretary

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OHIO WESLEYAN UNIVERSITY
DELAWARE, OHIO

OFFICE OF
SECRETARY - BOARD OF TRUSTEES

January 25, 1936

Mrs. T. D. Macmillan
150 Fifth Avenue
New York, N. Y.

My dear Mrs. Macmillan:

Replying to your letter of January 22nd, I am very glad to add my personal word of approval to any plan that will perpetuate the memory of my colleague and friend, Miss Emma Konantz.

Men and women in all parts of the world can testify to her life of unselfish service as teacher and friend. She always traveled the "second mile" in unstinted service. It is therefore especially appropriate that the proposed memorial is in the form of a scholarship which will aid young people in obtaining an education, and thus continue through many years a part, at least, of the work Miss Konantz was constantly doing for young people during her life.

I wish you all the success possible in this fine enterprise, and shall be glad to make my own contribution at the proper time, although of course with the very much depressed income which we college people now receive, my contribution must of necessity be small. I wish it were possible for me to give the whole scholarship, for I am deeply appreciative of the noble life of our friend.

Cordially yours,

Burleigh E. Cartmell
Burleigh E. Cartmell

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OHIO WESLEYAN UNIVERSITY
DELAWARE, OHIO

OFFICE OF
SECRETARY - BOARD OF TRUSTEES

January 25, 1936

Mrs. T. D. Macmillan
150 Fifth Avenue
New York, N. Y.

My dear Mrs. Macmillan:

I am enclosing a personal letter. I was not sure from your letter as to whether you want an endorsement from me as an officer of the university. Of course, I could not give such an endorsement without an action from the proper committee of our Board of Trustees. In case you desire to have official endorsement, I would write to the alumni organization of Ohio Wesleyan, in care of H.M. Shipps, Delaware, Ohio, or to President E.D. Soper, who would take it up with the Trustees' Committee. I hope, however, that you are only ^{needing} getting the personal endorsement.

As you can see, there might be embarrassment involved in the college endorsing any financial move among former students of Ohio Wesleyan, when it is so desperately in need of money for its own operations at the present time.

I hope you will not misunderstand this frank statement. If the matter is not entirely clear, I shall be glad to answer any questions. I do hope that you will have real success in this plan. May I also express the hope and prayer that in these trying times our dear Lord may bless Yenching University and its work.

Sincerely yours,

Burleigh E. Cartmell
Burleigh E. Cartmell

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RESIDENT BISHOP
THE METHODIST EPISCOPAL CHURCH
150 FIFTH AVENUE
NEW YORK CITY

En Route
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Mrs. T. D. Macmillan,
New York City.

My dear Mrs. Macmillan, I shall be
very glad to have you use my
name in any way you think best
in connection with memorial funds
to honor Miss Emma Kovanty. I
knew Miss Kovanty as a highly
trained scholar, a capable teacher,
and a missionary of deep devotion
and some power of leadership. I
shall be happy to help you effort
in any way possible.

Cordially -
Francis D. McConnell

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UNIVERSITY OF MINNESOTA
COLLEGE OF SCIENCE, LITERATURE, AND THE ARTS
MINNEAPOLIS

January 27, 1936

DEPARTMENT OF ZOOLOGY

Mrs. T. D. Macmillan
150 Fifth Avenue
New York, New York

My dear Mrs. Macmillan,

Mrs. Benton has authorized me, her son-in-law, to carry on the correspondence with you regarding the proposed memorial for Miss Konantz.

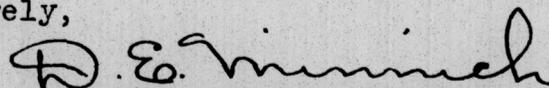
That her former students, colleagues, and friends should raise such a fund, if they desire so to do, would certainly command our appreciation and approval. It is our conviction, however, that such a movement should come voluntarily from such persons as a real expression of their affectionate regard for her instead of originating in the financial office in New York. That members of her family may, doubtless will, wish to contribute after the fund is well under way, I do not doubt. But that the family should initiate or even guarantee such a fund does not seem to us appropriate.

Above all we feel that if such a fund is raised, it should be not an excuse to raise an additional fund for a cause however worthy, but rather that it should be a fund to honor Miss Konantz whose life bears eloquent witness to her supreme interest in the education of Chinese youth.

It so happens that I am in the midst of raising a similar fund at the University of Minnesota for a former staff member of the Department of Zoology. The two cases differ only in the fact that the man we are honoring is still alive. We have written letters personally signed by me to about three thousand persons, former students, colleagues, and friends. It was once proposed that members of his family be solicited, but, on more mature consideration, we felt that such solicitation would be wholly out of keeping with the spirit of the project. Thus far we have raised \$2000 and our cost has been \$225. We are about to send out personal follow-up letters and I think the fund in the end should approximate \$3000. Of course I have not counted my time in the above cost, but surely existing agencies in your case could supply this at no additional cost. We have used nothing but a personal letter and thus have been spared the extra cost and the quasi-commercial nature of such advertising.

If we can be of further service to you, we should be happy to be of any possible assistance. Assuring you of our appreciation of your interest, I am

Very sincerely,


Chairman of the Department
of Zoology

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OHIO WESLEYAN UNIVERSITY

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JOHN W. HOFFMAN, PRESIDENT

Emeritus

Dear Mrs. Macmillan:-

A scholarship endowment in appreciation of Miss Emma Konantz is most appropriate. Her primary interest was always in the welfare of her students. While her instruction was of a high order her concern for the usefulness and discipline of her students was even greater. A Scholarship Fund would perpetuate her devotion, her splendid service, and her wholehearted consecration to the good of others. I trust you will succeed and you may depend on my support, in every way, in a memorial so in keeping with her life's dedication - a dedication nobly, consistently and constantly realized through many years of effective teaching.

With every good wish I am

Sincerely yours

John W. Hoffman

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1415 East River Road
Minneapolis, Minnesota

January twenty-ninth,
1936

Mrs. T.D. MacMillan,
Associated Boards for Christian Colleges in China,
150 Fifth Avenue, New York City.

My dear Mrs. MacMillan:

Your second letter was received just after my husband had despatched his reply to your first, which reached here the day after my mother left. We felt we should consult her in answering that, and the draft of our reply was just too late to reach her in Kansas, and followed her clear to the coast, whence she returned it to us just before sailing, last Friday.

I think that reply will have already answered some of your questions. We assumed you would not start any "campaign" without first having our approval. Be assured that it is not the end but the means which we question.

We still feel very strongly, as my mother has felt from the first, that the spirit of such a memorial would be utterly violated if initiated by any other agency than that of her personal friends who desire voluntarily to commemorate her generous life and service to themselves and other friends and students. That it should in any way appear to be a financing campaign based on the pretext of her death would have been as unwelcome to her as to us, and wholly unworthy of her example, even though dedicated to the cause to which she gave her life and for which we all have the greatest affection.

To repeat what Mr. Minnich wrote in response to your request for our suggestions, we do deplore the expenditure of such a large part of a memorial contribution for the mere machinery of "raising" it. The net proceeds of such an effort could better be gained from contributions which needed no formal solicitation at all. Hence I have not planned to forward photographs until we hear whether you do not agree with us. Not only does such a publication seem to us an unnecessary expense but also smacking too much of a commercial advertisement, rather than a personal memorial.

Bishop Hughes' expression is very beautiful and many such could be gleaned from the letters we have been receiving from her friends everywhere, which we should like to collect and publish for a memorial to

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her, did we not feel she would rather have us give the same money to continue some of the help she has been giving to worthy Chinese students. She always gave of her material as well as her spiritual resources, unstintedly, but unostentatiously. And that is the spirit which we should like to perpetuate.

In answer to a request from the Ohio Wesleyan Alumni magazine, I have just sent in some material which they wished to have by February first for their next publication. To this I appended the following paragraph:

"I fear that in writing this, I may have been tempted to indulge my feelings in a little eulogy on my own account. I hope you may be able to cull from it, however, some material of interest to your readers. Also, if it is the appropriate place to mention it, I believe some of Miss Konantz' friends are proposing to honor her memory by a scholarship fund at Yenching, and that any who are interested in contributing to this may write either directly to President Stuart at Yenching University in Peiping, or to the University's American office at 150 Fifth Avenue, New York City."

Again assuring you of our earnest desire to cooperate toward the end of any worthy and appropriate memorial to my aunt and toward any possible service to Yenching, believe me,

Very sincerely,

Helen Benton Minnich

Helen Benton Minnich

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January 29, 1936.

Mrs. T. D. Macmillan,
Yenching University,
150 Fifth Avenue,
New York, N. Y.

My dear Mrs. Macmillan:-

I am glad to endorse your proposed scholarship fund in memory of Miss Konantz; and you may quote me, if you wish, to the following effect:

It is surely appropriate that the name of Emma L. Konantz should be connected with a scholarship fund in aid of promising Chinese students. Few westerners who have gone to teach in China loved their students more, or admired more the finer things in Chinese art, and life, and thought.

Sincerely yours,

A. W. Hummel
Arthur W. Hummel,
Chief, Division of Orientalia.

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DREW UNIVERSITY

MADISON, N. J.

DEPARTMENT OF
MISSIONS AND COMPARATIVE RELIGION
OSCAR MACMILLAN BUCK

January 29, 1936

Mrs. T. D. Macmillan,
Yenching university,
150 Fifth Ave.,
New York.

My dear Mrs. Macmillan:

Mrs. Buck and I have been much interested in the suggestion that something be done by way of scholarships to carry on Miss Emma L. Konantz's remarkable contribution to Yenching University. Those of us who knew her well will feel, I am sure, that any memorial of her should be in the form of helping the students at Yenching rather than in helping budgets or constructing buildings. Her own peculiar work of helpfulness to individual Chinese youth should be perpetuated. If you cannot replace her with some similar adviser and friend of students, then scholarship funds for students of promise seems to be the next in order. Personally, I prefer the former, whether Chinese or American, but I realize how difficult it is to find such a person and then to build such a person into the economy of a university. The simplest and most satisfactory solution seems to be the scholarship funds.

Yours very sincerely,

Oscar M. Buck,

February 4, 1936

My dear Dr. Korns:

Please read the enclosed copies of letters and then tell me what you would do with people like this! It is just as well for me to have an interval of a few days before writing to them, although the month in which I had hoped to launch this project is now nearly over, and it is extremely difficult to see time for it after March 1. My inclination for the moment is to tell the Minnesota relatives that the Yenching office withdraws entirely its suggestion of this memorial. In order to do this, however, it would be necessary for me to write to each of the seventeen important persons with whom I have already communicated, and inform them that the project had been abandoned. Some of these people, like yourselves, Bishop and Mrs. McConnell, and Miss Gunsaulus, stand in a somewhat intimate relation to me personally, and I could not drop the project without letting them know promptly that I was doing so. It seems perhaps fairer to attempt to clear certain misunderstandings from the minds of Professor and Mrs. Minnich, although I must confess that they have left me with little hope that they are capable of effective cooperation. Miss Pauline Benton showed from the first complete understanding and cordial appreciation of this idea, and I confess that I was utterly dumbfounded to find in Mrs. Benton the attitude which has born its fruit in the letters from Minneapolis.

It seems clear that Mrs. Benton's reactions are partly referable to somewhat unhappy experiences connected with attempts to memorialize President Benton. I know, and you know, that this project connected with Miss Konantz's name is not in the same world with experiences related to Dr. Benton's career. Be that as it may, this prophesy of a consistently obstructive attitude has for the moment destroyed all of my enthusiasm.

During my many years in university work, since I began at Harvard in 1910, I have had a close connection with many memorial projects, carried to a successful conclusion in honoring the good and great. This is the first time in all these years that I have found so strange a misunderstanding of such a proposal. How poor our churches, schools, and colleges would be if it were not for the tens of thousands of memorial foundations! In the case of the fund being raised in honor of Professor Wood; I consulted the widow and her daughters at every turn, but never found them at odds with the plan, never at any time was it necessary to change the copy for our letter and our booklet, and always the word came back that it stood as they would wish it and as they felt certain Professor Wood himself would be happy to have it reach his friends. In view of the high pressure under which we work in this office, anything less than trust and a free hand granted to us from those whom we serve would result in so much loss of time that we would not be justified in carrying on any project so burdened.

May I refer to certain obvious misunderstandings in the letters from Professor Minnich and his wife? It would be impossible for the "former students,

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colleagues, and friends" of Miss Konantz to raise a fund without some such organization as this office presents. If the memorial is effectively to carry on Miss Konantz's service to China, the American office of Yenching University is the logical agency.

The suggestion that pledged gifts from the family initiate this memorial rather than contribute to it after it is "well under way" is so suitable that I am shocked at the resistance which the family makes to the suggestion. Unless the friends know that the family has responded in this way, an embarrassing question exists in the minds of those less intimately connected with Miss Konantz. There is no thought of the family contribution being in the nature of a "guarantee" although a gift from them sufficiently large to cover any cost entailed would be a graceful and appropriate act.

I am puzzled by Professor Minnich's reference to what he assumes are high costs. I have made no estimate on the proposed materials in this case, and our services would be entirely without charge. In the case of the Professor Wood appeal, the costs including postage have been only \$219, with excellent results. It may be that a part of the family misunderstanding has been caused by my reference to the thousand-dollar gift from Mrs. Wood. This gift has touched me deeply, because it has come from the careful savings of a life lived in Spartan fashion. We could not restrict this appeal wisely to a letter without a folder, and in materials of this sort I would have to ask for freedom of judgment based upon my long experience. The Professor Wood folder which Professor Minnich criticizes so scathingly met with the highest praise from the family and from President Nelson and others at Smith College.

As I read over again Mrs. Minnich's letter I am very much discouraged. Mrs. Minnich has no conception of what lies behind the accumulating of any fund. In five minutes here in our office we could disabuse her mind of the results to be expected from any spontaneous and wholly voluntary giving. I only hope that there may be someone among my own friends who will be able to turn the episode of my passing from this sphere to the material benefit of some one of the projects to which I am devoted. It is the only apotheosis which most of us will have, and we may be grateful that a kind world has made it something of a tradition that the names of the recently translated should become attached to special gifts.

You will understand my having unburdened my outraged sensibilities to you. If I were to proceed with this task, I should create a folder of the necessary information, and make it no larger than an ordinary correspondence envelope. It seems highly unlikely that this office can do anything at all in the matter under the circumstances created by the family.

We have received already the most cordial approval (in the form of statements which we are permitted to quote) from Bishops Anderson, Hughes, and McCormell, from Professor and Mrs. Buck in Madison, and from Dr. Hummel, Dr. Diffendorfer, ex-President Hoffman, and Mr. Cartmell.

Sincerely yours,

Dr. John H. Kerns
615 West Sullivan Street
Olean, New York

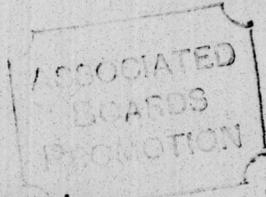
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February 5th 1936.

Mrs S. D. Macmillan,
New York City,

My dear Mrs Macmillan:

Your letter explaining the plan for a Genesee University Scholarship fund to be established in memory of Professor Emma Konantz has been forwarded to me here where I am spending a few days. It seems to me a very appropriate way to perpetuate the memory of an exceptionally able teacher, and one whose devotion

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to foreign students dates back to the days
of her active service on the faculty at Ohio
Wesleyan. Many of the Wesleyan alumni of
those days will remember with gratitude
her patient understanding of the slow student.
As student advisor, I always recommended
Professor Konantz to students who found Math.
hard going.

Concerning the names of alumni who
might be interested I would suggest Raymond
Thornburg, Chicago; Sallie Humphreys, Delaware

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Mr. Mary Newberry Wright, Ocean Grove, N.J.
and Miss Isabel Thomas, Delaware, would be
able to help you to make a list of her
friends.

Sincerely Yours,

J. G. Duvall

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615 W. Sullivan St., Olean, N. Y.
Feb. 7, 1936.

Mrs. T. D. MacMillan,
Yenching University,
150 Fifth Av., N. Y.

My dear Mrs. MacMillan:

I had understood from your letter of January 14 that Pauline and you together were working out preliminary details for appealing to friends and students of Miss Konantz. I assumed at once that Mrs. Benton had agreed that your office was the proper one to take care of the large amount of clerical work involved. Your letter of February 4 intimating that Dr. and Mrs. Minnich, as well as Mrs. Benton herself, do not approve of your plans came, therefore, as a surprise.

It seems to me highly important, if you are to manage this enterprise, that the immediate family endorse the scheme, at least so far as the objective, the printed matter and other publicity are concerned. In fact a statement in the letter or folder going to prospective contributors to the effect that the family, although not initiating the plan, approve of it possibly would be of value.

Putting myself in the family's place I believe they are justified in not desiring to start the subscriptions. If later they wish to add something I believe such gifts should come quite voluntarily.

I suspect that many of Miss Konantz' friends have thought that a memorial would be appropriate. It was what came to my own mind, as you know, before hearing a word from you. So I doubt whether your office really has originated the idea. You would be acting more as an intermediary, doing the work which none of the friends could do so well. You would also be crystallizing their thoughts and good intentions into action. At least this is the way I feel about it.

From what little I know of securing funds for any cause, no matter how worthy, I am impressed with the immense labor involved and the need of a directing hand.

Bess is at Clifton Springs Sanitarium recuperating from a minor operation, else I should ask her judgment too. As it is I send on my letter without delay. I have no objection to your showing this letter to the Minnichs.

With kind regards,

Sincerely yours,

John H. Korno

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Dear Dr. Kornst:

It is hardly defensible to take more of your time in a matter which seems so little likely to bear goodly fruit. But your good letter of February 7 makes it quite clear that I gave you too few details in my latest message concerning the proposed Konantz Memorial fund.

As I remember it, the first suggestion of this project came in a meeting of the Yenching Women's College Committee and was made by Mrs. Parlin, who was formerly Miriam Boyd of the Yenching faculty. Certainly it was a spontaneous suggestion from that group of women who knew something of the fine work done by Miss Konantz.

Our office had been in close touch with Pauline Benton during the days of Miss Konantz's illness, because we had been sending the cables for her. When she realized that she would be leaving for China, she asked to see me to discuss further certain possibilities for close co-operation between our organization and her company of players. When she came to my office for that purpose, I had received a commission from the Yenching Women's Committee to discover the attitude of the family toward the Konantz memorial.

Pauline's response to the suggestion was a fine one. She realized immediately the sincerity and worth of the feeling which lay behind it. And at that first interview she settled at once into helpful suggestions, and undertook to secure for our use such materials as she and her mother possessed.

A few days after that, Pauline asked me to come to see her mother to discuss the matter further. At that time I was very unhappily surprised to discover the nature of Mrs. Benton's thinking, and I attempted immediately to withdraw from any further consideration of the project. Pauline was distressed over the turn of affairs, and assured me that her mother did not intend to question the desire for wholesome tribute to Miss Konantz which was expressed in the proposal. Mrs. Benton herself seconded Pauline's explanations, and on that day (the only time I saw Mrs. Benton) the conversation went on to a constructive conclusion. Mrs. Benton supplied certain photographic material, and promised to send a photograph from a Minneapolis studio. - And I felt sure that Mrs. Benton then understood that there was no desire to carry on unless the family was to be thoroughly in accord with the Yenching organization in its program.

I have been now for some days away from my office, and it may not be possible for me to go into this question adequately during the short time next week when I shall be in New York. As I have already said, the time during which this project could have been ~~adequately~~ put into motion has now passed - temporarily, if not permanently. And the present structure of the Yenching organization in America makes it impossible for any other officer than myself to carry this piece of work.

Certainly you are right in thinking that a few friends like yourself would have wished to express in some tangible way their admiration for Miss Konantz. But it is because such impulses are so easily crowded out of one's plans by the many demands upon us that some organization is necessary to gather together the gifts of the most loyal friends and to remind those who are more remote of the opportunity for joining in the giving.

I appreciate the loyalty with which you have tried to see this problem both from the standpoint of the family and from the necessarily quite different standpoint of the Yenching office. Unfortunately the relationship which I bear to Yenching makes it necessary for me to judge with all possible dispassionateness the value of any activity which is presented for consideration. As Pauline Benton and I first planned this Memorial, it would have been a really effective and beautiful thing, reaching promptly and appropriately those who would wish to honor Miss Konantz. Without such understanding and intelligence as she brought to the problem, one could not justify proceeding beyond the present stage of inquiry. And I am still of the opinion, as I was when I wrote you on February 4, that I will probably find it necessary to drop the whole thing, merely writing to the men and women ^{we have} consulted to the effect that the Yenching office has decided to abandon its hope of proposing a fund in memory of Miss Konantz.

Sincerely yours,

Dr. John H. Kornas
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Mrs. J. D. MacMillan,
Yenching University,
150 Fifth Ave., N.Y.

My dear Mrs. MacMillan:

I have just seen two letters from Mrs. Minnick. One came via Mary and tells of her deep love for her aunt. It is a long letter expressing deepest devotion to the memory ^{of Mrs. Konant} and gratitude for her life. One can feel the emotion of the writer. In this letter Mrs. Minnick said nothing of the memorial but it gives one the key to her attitude toward the proposed memorial and the methods suggested for securing funds. In the other letter written to Bess and me Mrs. Minnick writes even more strongly than in hers to you dated January 24th of her fear that your office would use Mrs. Konant's name to promote your office program. I say this letter is explained by the first letter because Mrs. Minnick has reacted emotionally to the matter. The relationship between niece and aunt was so intimate - more so than that

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of daughter to mother I believe - that
the matter of the memorial becomes at once
a very personal one, about which she
cannot think dispassionately. I
believe this explains Mrs. Minnick's
attitude.

In view of the attitude and the
emotional background behind it I
fear very much that you cannot, to
your own satisfaction, go on with the
program of soliciting funds. It is
apparent that Mrs. Minnick wishes
funds to be secured by personal
friends in an informal, unorganized
hit-and-miss fashion. Maybe it can
be done, I don't know. I shall be glad
to send in my check within two or three
months and I am sure a number of
others here and in China will contribute,
but I am quite certain that your
office would secure more money.
Mrs. Minnick is not interested in the
amount so much as she is in thoughts

of the givers apparently. Your efficient
mind will see a flaw in this at once
and you will rightly say that
kind thoughts expressed or unexpressed
will not provide scholarships.
But there you are!

Mrs. Korns came back from Clifton
Springs last evening. I believe she
will have better health as a result of
her stay there.

With kind regards,

Sincerely yours,

John H. Korns



615 W. Sullivan, Olean, N.Y.

Feb. 18, 1936.

Dear Mrs. MacMillan:

I appreciate your telling me more about the early stages of the proposal to establish a scholarship fund at Genesee as a memorial to Mrs. Knaut. You did the natural thing and did it promptly and enthusiastically. The whole trouble lies, as I intimated in my last letter sent out just before yours came, in the fact that you subordinate your emotions to your reasoning faculties while Mrs. Benton and Mrs. Minnick reverse the process, putting reason in a secondary place. As I know you and them this is the way I interpret the fundamental difficulty. So I think you are justified and wise in dropping the campaign.

Love and kind regards,
Sincerely yours, John H. Korno

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February 26, 1936

Mrs. T. D. Macmillan
Yenching University
150 Fifth Avenue
New York City

My dear Mrs. Macmillan:

Your letter of January 22nd was acknowledged by my secretary immediately upon its receipt. I have been house-bound for a number of weeks so that there has been some delay in attending to the matter which you bring to my attention.

There are at least a few of us here who were on the faculty when Miss Konantz taught at Ohio Wesleyan and we have only the finest feeling toward her. She was a splendid woman and I am very glad to think that she was able to spend so many years in China and render the splendid service during these years.

Now, with reference to your request, we are somewhat embarrassed in that our Alumni Directors have a rule that lists of names and addresses of alumni should not be given to anyone conducting a campaign not connected directly with Ohio Wesleyan. This may seem to be a narrow rule and yet when one realizes how many different kinds of requests come I think it is wise that such a rule should be in existence. This being the case, I do not feel that I can possibly do anything with reference to this matter which you bring to my attention as worthy as I feel sure it is.

If you have any further word about this matter which you would like to bring to my attention, please be free to do so.

Yours very sincerely,

Edmund A. Soper

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My dear President Soper:

Thank you for your letter of February 26 in response to my inquiry for your judgment on a fund in memory of Miss Konantz. I understand that the Alumni Association must restrict its activities to the interests of Ohio Wesleyan University, and in the matter of our suggested project we need not, fortunately, enter into a discussion of ways and means to carry out our desire without the assistance of the Association.

Yenching University has entirely abandoned its proposal for this memorial fund because of plans entered into by ^{Miss Konantz'} one of her nieces.

With assurance of my gratitude for your frank and courteous letter, I am

Sincerely yours,

(Mrs. T. D. Macmillan)

President Edmund D. Soper
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